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Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

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Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:

AL QAEDA IS READY TO ATTACK YOU AGAIN



After two turbulent decades following its most spectacular mission, al Qaeda (AQ) has settled down and has resumed its focus on attacking the West.

<https://www.rand.org/blog/2019/09/al-qaeda-is-ready-to-attack-you-again.html>

DHS STRATEGY ADDS WHITE SUPREMACY TO LIST OF THREATS

For the first time since it was formed after the 9/11 attacks, the Department of Homeland Security is adding white supremacist violence to its list of priority threats in a revised counterterrorism strategy issued recently.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/departments-homeland-security-strategy-adds-white-supremacy-list-threats-n1057136>



NJ MAN CHARGED WITH HELPING HEZBOLLAH PLOT U.S. ATTACKS



A New Jersey man who allegedly photographed landmarks including the Statue of Liberty, the White House and Boston's Fenway Park as potential terrorism targets in the early to mid-2000s has been charged with terror offenses by authorities who say he was working on behalf of Hezbollah's Islamic Jihad Organization.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/new-jersey-man-charged-helping-hezbollah-plot-terror-attacks-u-n1056716>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

THE FOG OF ESPIONAGE, PART 1: MILLIONS OF SPIES TARGET THE US

Sprinkled among the billions of men and women who rise from slumber and engage in their morning rituals each day are millions of members of a secret fraternity, their identities and motives unknown even to their immediate families. They are envoys of espionage — spies. Their #1 target? The United States.

<https://wtop.com/j-j-green-national/2019/09/the-fog-of-espionage-part-1-an-existential-threat/>





RUSSIA CARRIED OUT A 'STUNNING' BREACH OF FBI COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, ESCALATING THE SPY GAME ON U.S. SOIL



American officials discovered that the Russians had dramatically improved their ability to decrypt certain types of secure communications and had successfully tracked devices used by elite FBI surveillance teams. Officials also feared that the Russians might have devised other ways to monitor U.S. intelligence communications, including hacking into computers not connected to the internet.

<https://news.yahoo.com/exclusive-russia-carried-out-a-stunning-breach-of-fbi-communications-system-escalating-the-spy-game-on-us-soil-090024212.html>

PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT YOUR LINKEDIN PROFILE - THEY MIGHT BE SPIES

China's spies are not reaching out willy-nilly. They do their research online to identify the information they want and the people who might have access to it. LinkedIn users, often trolling for new jobs, openly advertise their status as employees or former employees of agencies of interest — with access to material that the Chinese want. Once recruiters find someone who seems like a good candidate, they initiate contact.



<https://www.npr.org/2019/09/19/761962531/people-are-looking-at-your-linkedin-profile-they-might-be-chinese-spies>

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

Although Al-Qaeda (AQ) has been laying low and supporting local insurgencies, they have flourished underground. Due to recent attacks, DHS is now including white supremacists in their threat planning. More reporting has emerged that in addition to ISIS & AQ threats to the United States, Hezbollah also has plans to strike the U.S. as well. Espionage against the United States seems to be a growth industry, with threats from multiple countries making the news recently. Chinese and Russian espionage efforts against the U.S. seem to be increasing, despite the efforts of the FBI to curb them. Even open source sites like LINKEDIN are being utilized by Chinese intelligence in search of highly qualified technical experts. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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